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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: GERMAN VIEWS

1. DURING A MAY 5 LUNCH WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE,  
DR. HELMUT MUELLER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICA IN THE  
GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, MADE SEVERAL COMMENTS OF INTEREST  
ON NAMIBIA.

2. MUELLER BELIEVES THAT NUJOMA'S RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT  
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THE WESTERN FIVE'S SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL STEMS IN PART FROM  
THE SWAPO PRESIDENT'S FEAR OF RETURNING TO NAMIBIA. HE  
HE RATES NUJOMA AS A WEEK INDIVIDUAL VERY MUCH SUBJECT  
TO THE INFLUENCE OF THOSE AROUND HIM.

3. ON SOUTH AFRICA'S MAY 4 RAID INTO ANGOLA, MUELLER  
SAID HE FOUND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE ACTION WAS NOT

COORDINATED WITH AN OVERALL DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, THE SOUTH AFRICANS FELT THEY HAD PUT THEMSELVES IN A STRONG POSITION BY ACCEPTING THE FIVE'S PROPOSAL, PERHAPS STRONG ENOUGH THAT THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH THE RAID.

4. IN THE CONTEXT OF A DISCUSSION ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAID, MUELLER SAID THAT IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT IN

SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD GO ALONG WITH SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA GIVEN THE ALREADY CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM IN GERMANY FOR THE PRESENT ATTITUDE OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

5. MUELLER ASKED WHETHER WE WERE DOING ANY CONTINGENCY PLANNING IN THE EVENT THAT SWAPO DEFINITELY REJECTED THE WESTERN PROPOSAL AND SOUTH AFRICAN PROCEEDED ON ITS OWN. WE AGREED THAT WE SHOULD GIVE THOUGHT TO SUCH QUESTIONS, INCLUDING HOW OUR GOVERNMENTS WOULD REACT TO A REQUEST FROM THE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT WE SEND ELECTION OBSERVERS. VANCE

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